

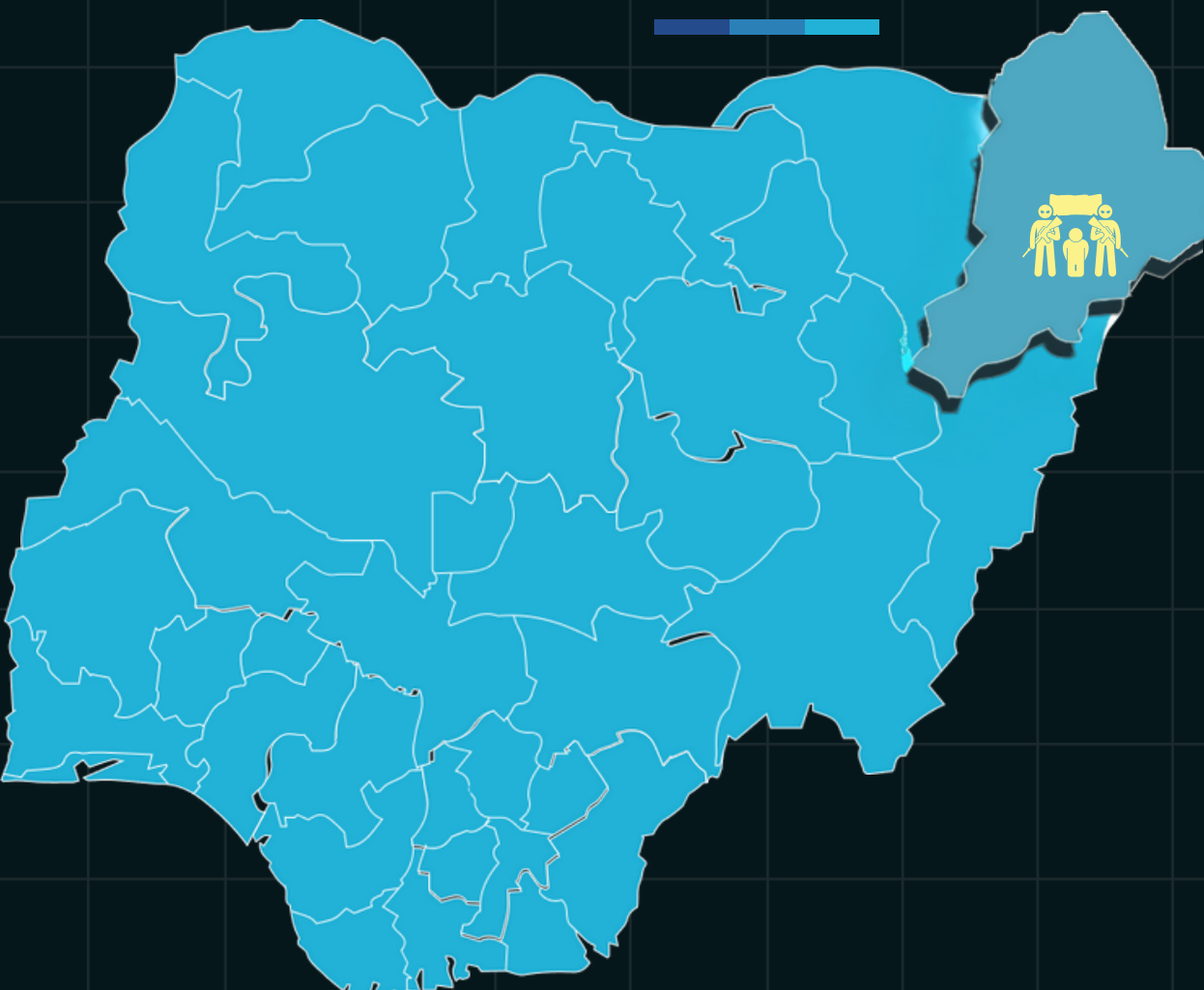


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MAY 2025

**Documenting Conflict/Armed Violence
Across Nigeria**





SUMMARY

- The month experienced the highest incidents of insecurity compared to previous months.
- The North Central region had the highest number of security incidents.
- Benue State received the highest incidence in the month.
- Borno is the state with the highest fatalities from security events during the month.
- In total there were 204 reported incidents with 635 fatalities.
- There were 24 abduction incidents involving 182 people kidnapped.





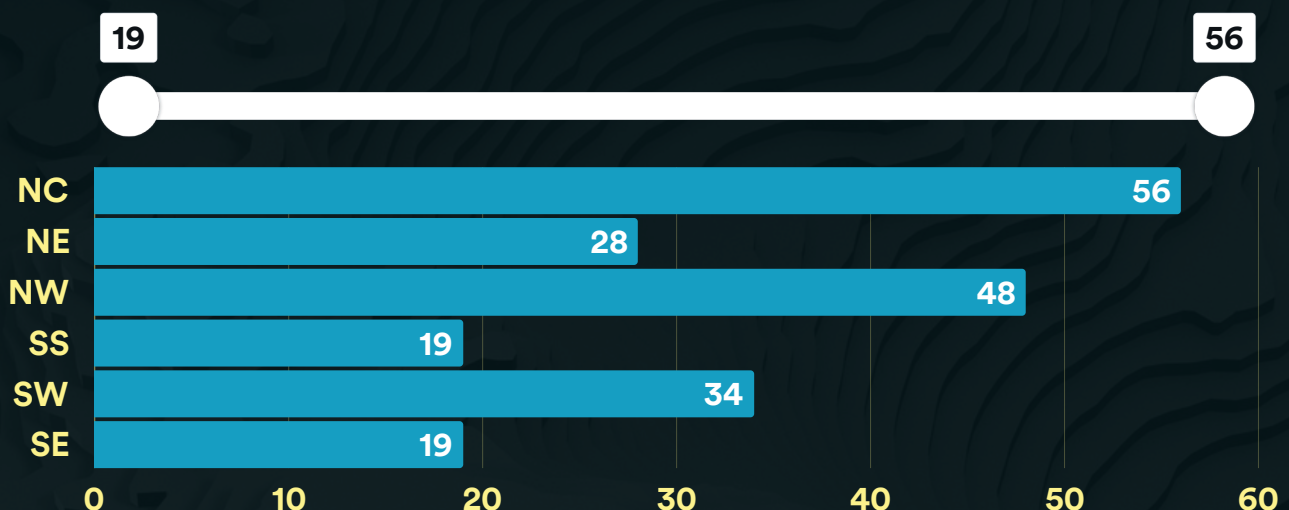
INCIDENT OF INSECURITY, MAY 2025

The North Central region recorded 56 incidents of insecurity during the month of May, an experience that made it the highest among all regions and higher than the previous month, April. In the North West, 48 incidents occurred, making it the second most prevalent record of insecurity documented in the month

However, in May, the South West displaced North East Nigeria even with the rising incidents of insecurity to have 34 and the latter, 28 incidents, unlike in April.

The South-South and South-East regions each experienced 19 incidents across the month.

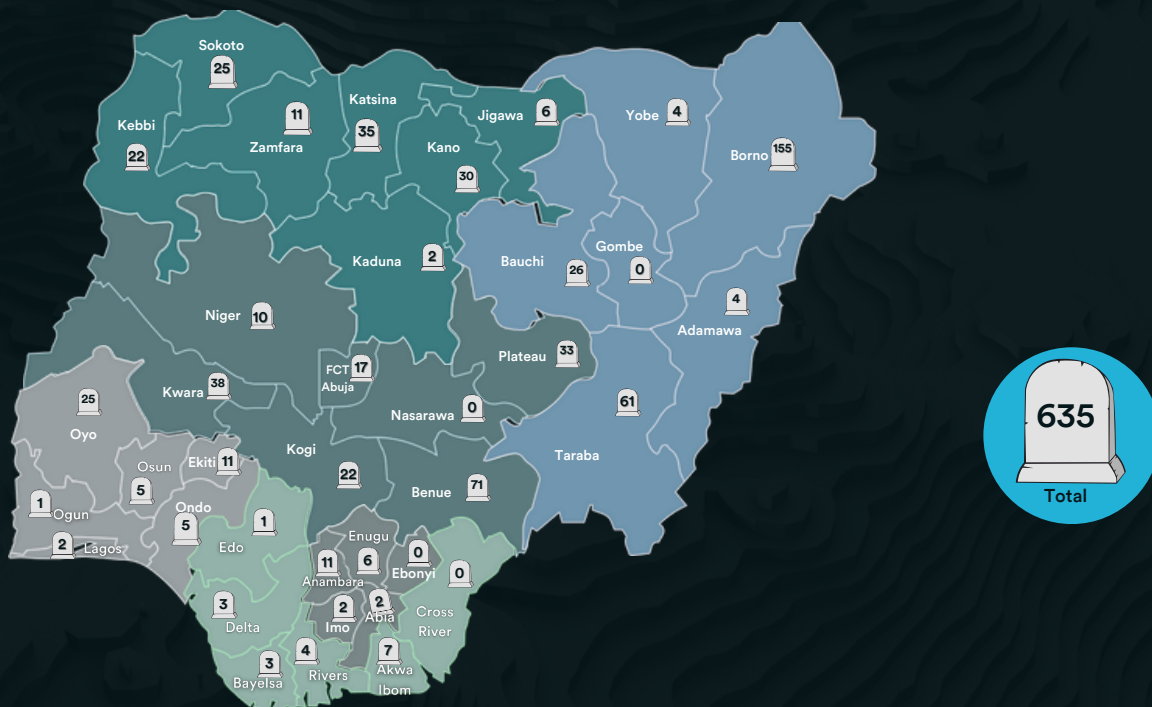
In the month, the states with the highest incidents are Benue (North Central) 16, Borno (North East) 15, Katsina (North West) 15, Plateau (North Central) 12, Abuja (North Central) 10, Ondo (South West) 10 and Zamfara (North West) 9.





FATALITIES RECORDED IN MAY 2025

Fatalities across states



The Tracker has shown that compared to previous months of 2025, fatalities have significantly increased to 635 in May, representing a 7.63% rise from 590 fatalities recorded in April.

The North East has low incidents relative to the North Central, it nonetheless had the highest fatality: 250 — a 39.40% of the total fatality of the month. The North Central on its part recorded 191 fatalities.

The North West recorded 131 fatalities, one above that experienced in April.

While in the southern region, the South West had 24 incidents, the South East, 21 and the South-South, 18 fatalities.



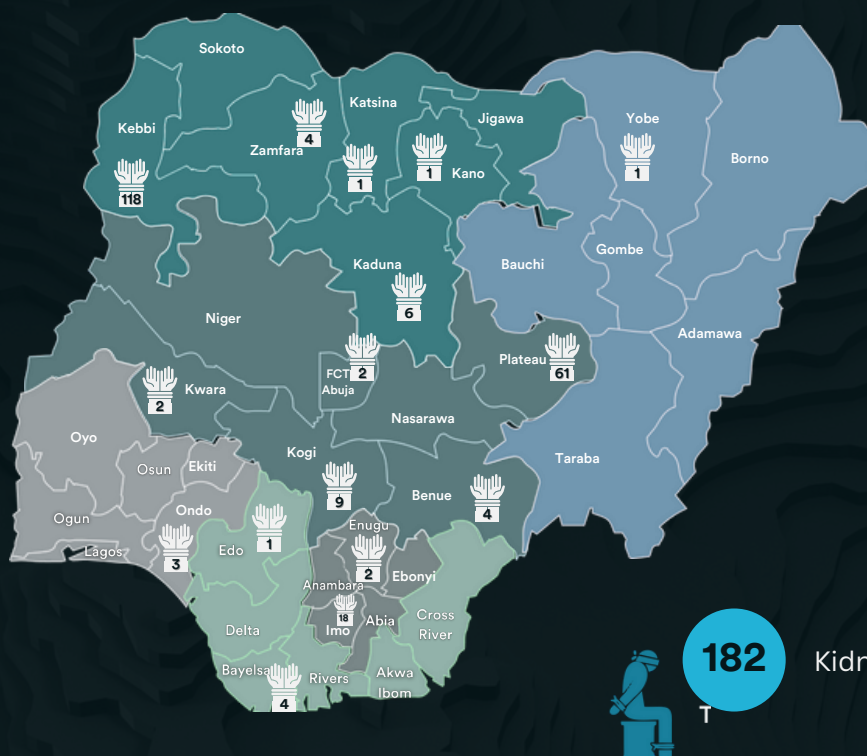
KIDNAPPING ACROSS NIGERIA, MAY 2025

May 2025 saw the abduction of 182 people within 24 incidents of kidnapping across 16 states including the FCT which had 2 incidents.

A mass abduction of 118 people in Kebbi happened on the 27th May was the highest in the month. While Imo followed with 18 people abducted.

In Kogi and Zamfara there were 3 incidents each as Kebbi, Ondo, Abuja, and Plateau experienced 2 incidents each during the month.

kidnapped people across states



182

Kidnapped people in March





EVENTS AND FATALITIES IN MAY 2025



“**Violence against civilians**” describes any action that inflicts harm on civilians, and when organised armed forces or non-state actors target civilians. This event included violent attacks, abductions/forced disappearances, and sexual violence; it was experienced 83 times less than in April and had caused 324 human lost.



“**Riots**” are violent and uncontrolled disturbances, typically involving a group of people, resulting in damage to property, injury, and even loss of life. This type of event was recorded 2 times with 3 fatalities.



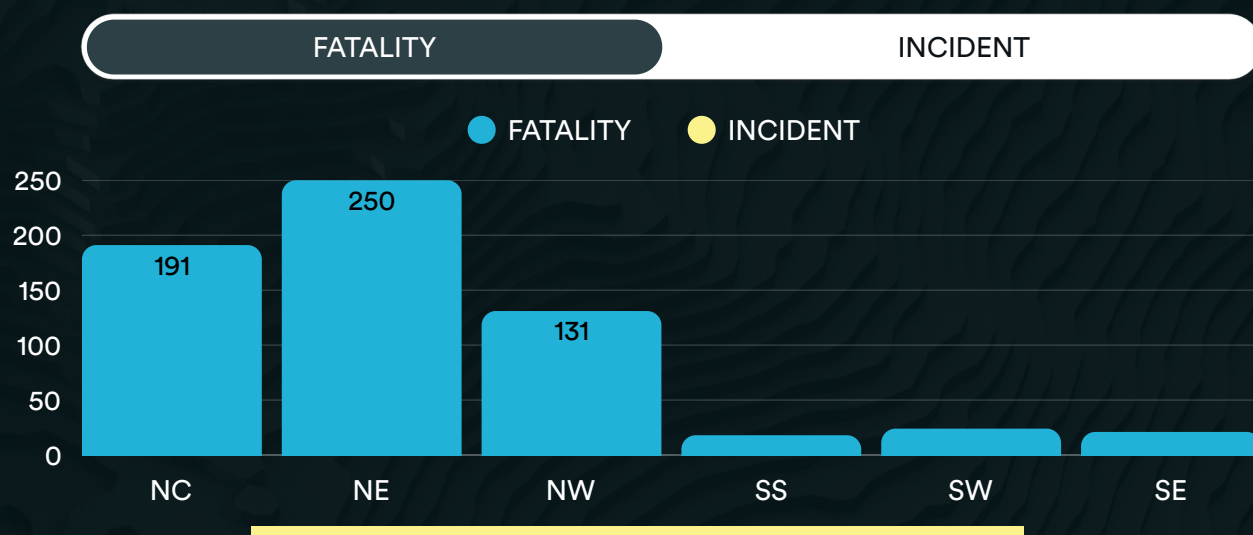
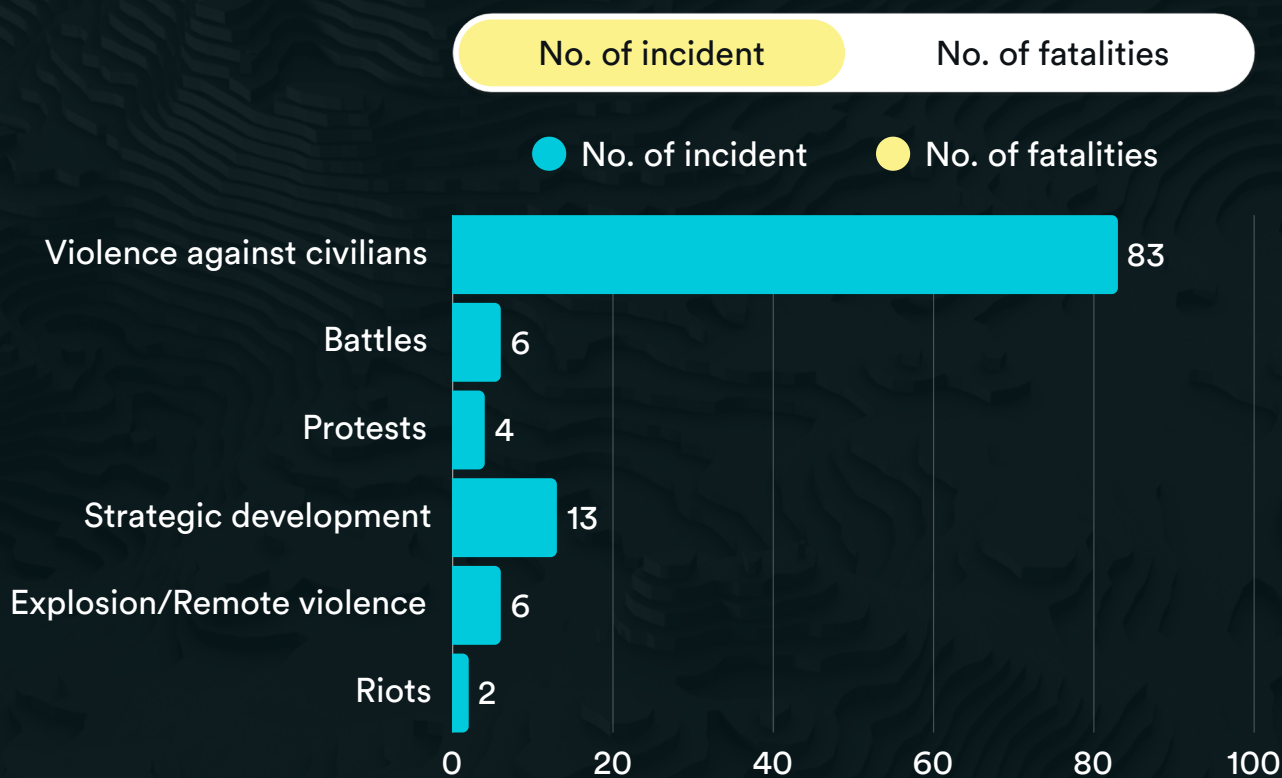
“**Explosions/remote violence**” describes remote explosive, landmine, artillery, or missile attacks as well as air strikes. These occurred 6 times, with 10 fatalities.



“**Strategic developments**” involve disrupted weapons use, looting/property destruction, and changes in groups/activities and related acts. This type of security event was recorded 13 times with 92 fatalities.



“**Battle**” describes violent events where organised groups engage in a battle. These include armed clashes as well as non-state actors overtaking territory. May experienced 6 battles which resulted in 88 fatalities, higher than recorded in April.





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